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Executive & Legislative Nominations Committee
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Members,

I am in support of the nomination of Steven K. Reviczky for a second term as Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Agriculture.

During the past four years Steven Reviczky has shown leadership and vision in his role as Commissioner of Agriculture. The groundwork to develop a Master Plan to Revitalize the Hartford Regional Market is a prime example. This facility has the opportunity to play a key role for Connecticut farmers as they work to vertically integrate in the marketplace.

Commissioner Reviczky assembled a capable staff during his first term that is poised to help Connecticut agriculture grow to its full potential. The Farmland Preservation Program stands ready to aggressively continue investment in Connecticut's valuable natural resource of prime farmland. Commissioner Reviczky worked with the USDA State Conservationist to formulate an agreement that will funnel over \$8 million in federal funds for farmland preservation in Connecticut. Steven Reviczky understands the valuable role the Department of Agriculture provides in marketing Connecticut's diversity of agricultural products as well as the enforcement duties needed to ensure a safe food supply for consumers.

Connecticut's residents understand the value of a safe, local food supply and the importance of maintaining a viable agricultural land base. As Commissioner of Agriculture for a second term, Steven Reviczky will build on the groundwork from his first four years to energize the Department of Agriculture as it works to achieve the goals that are valued by so many of Connecticut's residents.

Thank you,


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